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Classified By: Political-Economic Counselor Rob Garverick for reasons 1 .4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) The Embassy delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Security Affairs desk officer Hikmet Hajiyev on September 24. Hajiyev said the GOAJ would consider supporting Afghanistan's candidacy for a seat on the MESA Group on the IAEA's Board of Governors, but his department would have to check if Azerbaijan has other voting commitments to the other candidates. (NOTE: The MFA's Security Affairs Department is responsible for maintaining vote-swapping arrangements in a variety of multilateral organizations to bolster support for Azerbaijan's position on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.)